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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6125

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KABUL

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY SANAA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, PINS

SUBJECT: FAA SECTION 32 - POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: STATE 140309

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR CONVEYED TO AHMED
GHEZAL, CHEF DE CABINET, FOREIGN MINISTRY, ESSENCE OF
PARA 4 AND LEFT FRENCH TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF SECTION 32.
AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT APPROACH WAS INFORMAL AND STRICTLY
OF AN INFORMATIVE NATURE.

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2. GHEZAL, HAVING RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TOUR WITH TUNISIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF STRINGS BEING ATTACHED INCREASINGLY BY CONGRESS TO U.S. FOREIGN AID PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT TUNISIA ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO U.S. ASSISTANCE, LESS BECAUSE OF ITS AMOUNT, WHICH IS SMALL, THAN BECAUSE OF ITS SYMBOLISM. IT REFLECTS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. GHEZAL SAID THAT ALL TUNISIAN PRISONERS HAVE IN SOME WAY OR ANOTHER CONTRAVENED THE LAW AND HAVE APPEARED BEFORE COURTS. GHEZAL NOTED ALSO THAT TUNISIANS LIVING ABROAD WHO OPPOSE THE BOURGUIBA REGIME WERE LAST YEAR PUBLICLY ENCOURAGED TO RETURN TO TUNISIA.

4. COMMENT: AS WE INDICATED IN TUNIS 2334, WE DO NOT RPT NOT THINK SECTION 32 IS CURRENTLY APPLICABLE TO TUNISIA.
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